

Grant Grove Ranger Programs

July 7th – July 14th, 2014

National Park Service
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Sequoia and Kings Canyon
National Parks



Monday, July 7th

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk

8:00 PM Evening Program

The Predator Dilemma

Tuesday, July 8th

1:30 PM Ranger in the Grove

Wednesday, July 9th

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk

7:30 PM Family Campfire

Thursday, July 10th

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk

2:00 & 3:00 PM Big Tree Talk

8:30 PM Flashlight Hike

Friday, July 11th

9:30 AM Fridays for Families

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk

1:00 PM Bird Watching

2:00 & 3:00 PM Big Tree Talk

8:00 PM Evening Program

A Visit with John Muir

Saturday, July 12th

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk

1:30 PM Ranger in the Grove

2:00 PM Whispers from Big Stump

8:00 PM Evening Program:

Adaptations of Mammals in the Sierra Nevada

Sunday, July 13th

10:00 AM Back to Basics

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk

2:00 PM Big Tree Talk

3:30 PM Owls, Masters of the Night

8:00 PM Evening Program:

Bears All Around

Monday, July 14th

1:30 PM Ranger in the Grove

8:00 PM Evening Program:

The Predator Dilemma

Program Descriptions

Back to Basics: *Wilderness Skills.*

Meet at the John Muir Lodge registration desk. Learn valuable backpacking skills for ease and safety in our Wilderness with the help of a Sequoia naturalist. (SFI) 45 minutes

Big Tree Talk: Meet a ranger at the base of the General Grant Tree to find out what it takes to be one of the largest trees on earth. (NPS) 20 minutes

Bird Watching: Meet at the Kings Canyon Visitor Center to discover the various kinds of birds in the Sierra Nevada. Binoculars provided. (NPS) ½ mile walk, 1 hour

Evening Program: Join a ranger at the Sunset Campground Amphitheater for a talk, slide show, or film about the people, places and things that make Kings Canyon National Park so special. *Come 15 minutes early if turning in a completed Junior Ranger booklet.* (NPS) 1 hour.

Family Campfire: Meet at the John Muir Lodge. Meet a Sequoia naturalist for an hour of stories behind the scenes of our National Park. Feel free to bring fixings for S'Mores. (SFI) 1 hour

Flashlight Hike: Join a Sequoia Naturalist to explore the world of nocturnal creatures. Meet at the John Muir Lodge lobby. (SFI) 1 hour

Fridays for Families: Meet at the John Muir Lodge registration desk. Join a Sequoia Naturalist to learn their tricks for spotting wildlife, how to distinguish conifers of the Sierra Nevada, and gain other insights and skills. (SFI) 1 hour

Grant Tree Walk: This easy walk through the sequoia grove is suitable for all ages and fitness levels. Learn about the giant sequoias and why people have been coming to Grant Grove for centuries. Meet in the Grant Tree parking lot. (NPS) 1 hour, ½ mile.

Owls, Masters of the Night:

Wherever you go in the parks, you are probably in the home of an owl. Meet Ranger Anna in the Discovery Room at the Kings Canyon Visitor Center to learn why owls are so successful. 30 minutes.

Ranger in the Grove: How big? How old? What happens in a fire? Look for a ranger or volunteer naturalist along the Grant Tree Trail to have your giant sequoia questions answered. *Informal, ongoing, 1 ½ hours.*

Saunter through the Sequoia's:

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to walk beside one of America's great conservationists? Here's your chance! Meet at the Grant Tree Trailhead. (NPS) 1.5 miles, 2 hours

Whispers from Big Stump: Join a Ranger on a journey through the Big Stump Basin to learn about a vital and little-known chapter of California history. Meet at the *Kings Canyon Visitor Center* before driving to the trailhead. (NPS) 1 ½ hours, 1 mile, *Moderate*

NPS-National Park Service Ranger SFI- Sequoia Field Institute Naturalist, a branch of Sequoia Natural History Association